

***Shelby County Fire Department
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******* EVENT NOTIFICATION *******

Date: March 16, 2013

This morning just before 02:45AM, the Dispatchers of the Shelby County Fire Department began receiving multiple calls to 9-1-1 with reports of a large apartment building on fire and several people trapped. This was in the Camden Grove Apartments near Macon and Houston Levee. At 02:46 a full assignment was initiated which included Shelby County Engines 61,65, Rescue 66, Squad 5, and Memphis Engine 44, 54, 58, Rescue 1, & Truck 30 along with multiple ambulances and Fire Department Commanders & Chiefs. At 02:54, the first engine on the scene reported heavy fire and smoke showing from the north side of the four unit apartment building and began laying out their attack lines.

As additional engines continued to arrive, the Shelby County Sheriff's Office - Emergency Services personnel along with Sheriff's Deputies were attempting to clear people on the south side of the structure. All of the residents had escaped but a German Shepard, that was disoriented could not, at first be led from the burning building. As the flames progressed, Shelby County Fire Dept. firefighters from Engine 65 pressed into the blaze and safely brought the dog out.

In all, some forty firefighters from 6 pumper companies and two truck companies brought the flames under control by 03:48 AM. The building suffered major damage. As of this time, the cause and origin of the blaze which affected 17 residents, is under investigation. The American Red Cross is assisting three residents. There were no injuries to citizens but one Shelby County Firefighter received an injury to a knee due to a fall in a stairwell. He was not transported.

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